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TOPIC Karlovy Vary Airfield

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. The following aircraft were parked at the Karlovy Vary (N 51/ P 69) airfield in good weather: Six monoplanes with radial engine, two high-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, probably Fieseler Storchs, and four twin-engine aircraft, similar to the He-111 type, with glazed upper section of nose, armament projecting beyond nose of fuselage, and wing tips rounded.
2. According to local residents the field was being used as a commercial airfield and a training field for a Czechoslovakian Air force unit stationed there. The unit had no military training on the day of observation.
3. A transport plane painted olive-drab with the Czechoslovakian blue, white, and red cockade, similar to the Ju-52, came from the west and landed at the field at 12:30 p.m.

Two Soviet officers with red-bordered epaulets descended from the plane and were carried by passenger car N or 19-36-22 toward Karlovy Vary. The driver wore red-bordered green epaulets. Another passenger car hauled baggage or mail from the plane. The plane took off again at 1 p.m., heading west.

4. About 300 prisoners of an unknown nationality did excavation work at the field, probably for the construction of buildings (see annex). The landing field was sodded except for the concrete aprons in front of the closed hangars. On top of the administration building and the radio truck there was a rod about four meters high, at the ends of which six 1-meter iron cross-bars, thickening toward the tips, branched off. Many lines focused in the wooden cabin near the two radio trucks. Operative personnel were repeatedly seen in this area. There were also two wooden tripods with wooden boxes mounted on their upper sections.

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5. The new cantonment buildings were occupied. Nine trucks and four passenger cars, all of them Czechoslovakian military motor vehicles as identified by the olive-drab paint, were parked at the motor vehicle parking lot.

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Comment:

- a. The occupation of the field by a Czechoslovakian Air Force unit has not been confirmed by other sources. It has so far been known that an SNB unit was stationed there. The observed single-engine aircraft are possibly assigned to the unit.
- b. The information that the field is being used by the Czechoslovakian airlines is correct.
- c. The twin-engine aircraft cannot be determined from their description (possibly Mosquito type).
- d. The appearance of Soviet officers in Karlovy Vary is reported for the first time. The [REDACTED] has not been observed before.
- e. Contrary to the information in para 2, another source reported three hangars at the field.

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1 Annex: Karlovy Vary Airfield.

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Legend to annex

- a Point on the bare slope of the hill from which source made his observations (**not indicated**)
- b White-red boundary markings around landing field(**not indicated**)
- c Excavations **about six feet deep**, probably for buildings
- d Concreted section of field
- e Stone hangar, upper section glazed, with windcone
- f Administration building with weather station, cup anemometer on roof
- g Radio trucks, wooden cabins and wooden scaffoldings
- h Cantonment buildings
- i Motor vehicle parking place
- k Wooden structures, probably storage sheds.

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